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Docket No.: 1344.1054

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Takeshi SAKAMOTO et al.

Serial No. 09/776,630

Group Art Unit: 2633

Confirmation No. 7165

Filed: February 6, 2001

Examiner: Shi K. LI

For: WAVELENGTH DIVISION MULTIPLEXING OPTICAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM
AND WAVELENGTH DIVISION MULTIPLEXING OPTICAL COMMUNICATION
METHOD

AMENDMENT

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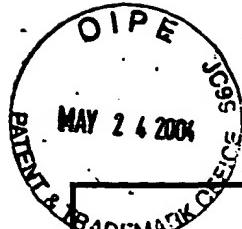
Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 30, 2004, and having a period for response set to expire on May 30, 2004, with a one-month extension of time.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

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REPLY/AMENDMENT FEE TRANSMITTAL

		Attorney Docket No.	1344.1054	
		Application Number	09/776,630	
		Filing Date	February 6, 2001	
		First Named Inventor	Takeshi SAKAMOTO et al.	
		Group Art Unit	2633	
AMOUNT ENCLOSED	282.00	Examiner Name	Shi K.LI	

FEE CALCULATION (fees effective 10/01/03)

CLAIMS AS AMENDED	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra	Rate	Calculations
TOTAL CLAIMS	20	- 20 =	0	X \$ 18.00 =	\$ 0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	7	- 5 =	2	X \$ 86.00 =	172.00
Since an Official Action set an original due date of April 30, 2004, petition is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this reply is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$110); 2 months (\$420); 3 months (\$950); 4 months (\$1,480); 5					110.00
If Notice of Appeal is enclosed, add (\$330.00)					
If Statutory Disclaimer under Rule 20(d) is enclosed, add fee (\$110.00)					
Information Disclosure Statement (Rule 1.17(p)) (\$180.00)					
Total of above Calculations =					\$ 282.00
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (37 CFR 1.9, 1.27 & 1.28)					
TOTAL FEES DUE =					\$ 282.00

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- (2) If entry (2) is less than 20, change entry (2) to "20".
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is also authorized to credit any overpayments or charge any additional fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 (filing fees) or 37 CFR 1.17 (processing fees) during the prosecution of this application, including any related application(s) claiming benefit hereof pursuant to 35 USC § 120 (e.g., continuations/divisionals/CIPs under 37 CFR 1.53(b) and/or continuations/divisionals/CPAs under 37 CFR 1.53(d)) to maintain pendency hereof or of any such related application.	

SUBMITTED BY: STAAS & HALSEY LLP

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Signature	<i>Douglas X. Rodriguez</i>		Date	May 24, 2004